

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A messaging system comprising:

an address menu having an identification field with ~~more than one~~ a plurality of
associated address [[field]] fields, each of the plurality of address fields operable
to maintain an address for a messaging receipt option;
a graphical user interface operable to present the address menu; [[and]]
a selector to initiate presentation of the address menu on the graphical user interface for
user selection of multiple addresses from the plurality of address fields of the
identification field; and
an address box associated with an outgoing electronic message capable of receiving
multiple user-selected addresses from the plurality of address fields of the
identification field for subsequent transfer of the outgoing electronic message to
the user-selected addresses ~~through use of a single selector.~~

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the identification field maintains a contact
alias for a potential recipient of an outgoing message.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a computer storing a first address menu for a first user and a second address menu for a
second user; and
an interface engine associated with the computer and operable to communicatively
couple a remote computer associated with the first user to the computer storing
the first address menu.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3 wherein the computer storing the first address menu
is operable to initiate communication of internet protocol packets.

5. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the remote computer is communicatively coupled to the computer storing the first address menu via a cable modem.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

- a first address field associated with the identification field, the first address field for maintaining a first address type of a contact; and
- a second address field associated with the identification field, the second address field for maintaining a second address type of the contact.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the first address type is selected from the group consisting of an email address, a telephone number, an instant messaging address, a short messaging service address, an enhanced messaging service address, a multimedia messaging service address, and a facsimile number.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the identification field is operable to maintain a contact name, further comprising:

- a first address field associated with the identification field, the first address field for maintaining a first address of the contact name;
- a second address field associated with the identification field, the second address field for maintaining a second address of the contact name; and
- the first address selected from the group consisting of an email address, a telephone number, an instant messaging address, a short messaging service address, an enhanced messaging service address, a multimedia messaging service address, and a facsimile number.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising an attachment engine operable to convert a file attached to an outgoing message into a format receivable by a device associated with a messaging receipt option.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) A messaging method comprising:
initiating presentation of a first user-selectable item for viewing a collection of contact information;
receiving a signal indicating a user selection of the first user-selectable item; and
initiating a graphical user interface (GUI) element to present an address menu comprising contact information for at least one ~~two~~ potential addressee ~~addressees~~, the ~~address-menu~~ contact information including having a first selectable address and a selectable second ~~selectable~~ address for the at least one potential addressee at least one of the two potential addressees;
recognizing a selection of the first address and the second address; and
initiating presentation of the first address and the second address in an address box associated with an outgoing electronic message.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
receiving a signal indicating a request to prepare ~~[[an]] the outgoing electronic message;~~
and
initiating presentation of a messaging graphical user interface (GUI) to present a message composition template comprising ~~[[an]] the~~ address box and a message input box.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
modifying the address menu in response to a user input comprising addition of another potential addressee;
subsequently initiating the graphical user interface (GUI) element; and
presenting the address menu as comprising contact information for the at least one potential addressee and the another potential addressee.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
~~receiving a signal indicating a request to prepare [[an]] the outgoing message;~~
~~presenting a messaging graphical user interface (GUI) element to present a message~~
~~composition template comprising an address box and a message input box;~~
~~recognizing a selection of the first address;~~
~~initiating presentation of the address box populated with the first address; and~~
initiating presentation of a second user-selectable item having associated text that
includes "send" with sending the outgoing electronic message to the first address
and the second address in the address box.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
~~recognizing a selection of the second address;~~
receiving a signal indicating a user selection of the second user-selectable item; and
initiating communication of the outgoing message to the first address and the second
address.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising attaching a file to the outgoing
message.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising converting the file into a
format receivable by a device associated with the first address.

20. (Currently amended) A computer machine-readable storage medium ~~[[media]]~~
including instructions to prepare an electronic message, the instructions when executed by the
machine causing the machine to comprising:
~~a plurality of instructions for providing~~ provide a first user-selectable button in
connection with preparation of ~~[[an]] the~~ electronic message; ~~in response to receiving a user~~
~~selection of the first user-selectable button, initiating~~
initiate a graphical user interface (GUI) element to find at least one address for the
electronic message in response to receiving a user selection of the first user-selectable button, the
GUI element comprising an address menu having an identification field with a plurality of

~~associated address fields a plurality of identification fields that each have at least one associated address field~~, each of the plurality of address fields operable to maintain an address for a messaging receipt option;

~~receiving~~ receive a selection of an address ~~multiple addresses~~ with the GUI element from at least two of the plurality of address ~~identification~~ fields via the GUI element; and

~~populating~~ populate an address box of the electronic message with ~~at least one of the~~ selected multiple addresses.